

ABSTRACT

A user equipment has a transmitter for transmitting an access attempt signal and data packets over a random access channel. The access attempt signal requests a base station to permit the user equipment access to the random access channel. A receiver receives access control signals and access control modification signals transmitted from a base station. A controller is operatively coupled to the receiver and transmitter. The controller determines a wait period based on in part the received access control signals and access control modification signals and delays transmission of a subsequent access attempt signal for the wait period in response to an unsuccessful access attempt to the random access channel.